



## Lower Thompson Lake, Middle Thomson Lake, and Upper Thompson Lake

### Proposed Walleye Kill, Report, and Turn-in Regulations

New language is in *italics*. Page numbers refer to the 2019 Fishing Regulations booklet.

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